1989	111
1990	90
1991	94

(b) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare do not have any scheme to finance expenditure of persons going aborad to attend conferences. In some cases, the organisers of the Conference meet the expenditure; in some cases, concerned institution meet partial expenditure and the rest is borne by the participants or through grants received by them from University Grants Commission, Indian National Science Academy etc. etc.

(c) No regular evaluation has been made. However, the participation of the doctors improves their knowledge and skills as well as they learn the latest tools & techniques in their respective medical and surgical fields in the advanced countries. This ultimately leads to better patient care.

Financial assistance to Medical Conferences

302. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of conferences of national and state level Medical personnel, for which financial assistance was given by Government during the last year;

(b) what is the total amount of such assistance; and

(c) whether Government have evaluated the utility of such conferences and giants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Population in India

303. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that population of India is likely to cross that of China by the year 2035;

(b) what are the steps Government propose to take to reduce the population growth in the country; and

(c) whether any planning has been made to control the population growth in the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) As per World population Projections "1950-2150" brought out by the United Nations, the estimated and projected population of India and China based on the medium fertility extension, during 2025-2050 A.D. will be as follows:—

(Figures in million)

No precise estimates are readily available for 2035 A.D.

	2025 AD	*2050 AD*
China	1511	1521
India	1442	1699

(b) and (c) An Action Plan duly approved by the Health Ministers of States is being operationalised. The Action Plan highlights the need for evolving a national consensus in support of the Family Welfare Programme to obtain the willing participation of all Sections of the Society. Its key features include, (1) improving the quality and outreach of family welfare services, (2) differential strategy for special focus on 90 poor performing districts (Birth Rate of 39 per thousand population and above as per the 1981 Census), (3) developing a mechanism to make

available funds to States/UTs on the basis of reduction of actual birth rate, (4) increasing the coverage of younger age couples through promotion of spacing methods, (S) strengthening family welfare schemes in urban areas especially in slum pockets, (6) revitalising training activities of mcdical/para-medical personnel with emphasis on motivational and counselling aspects, (7) sustaining the good work done under the Universal Immunisation Programme and strengthening of other interventions for Maternal and Child Health Care, (8) reoirentation of information, education and communication efforts to focus on the quality of life issues and intcr-pcrsonal communication, (9) involving voluntary and non-governmental organisations to promote active community participation in the programm, (10) gearing up the implementation machinery in the States/UTs and (11) evolving high level intcr-scctoral coordination mechanisms at the national state and district level etc.

Spreading of typhoid in India

304. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitcm captioned "Typhoid spreading in India" as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 20-10-92;

(b) if so, whether during the National Conference of microbiologists held at New Delhi, it has been stressed that the typhoid is spreading in the country;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to adopt any policy to check the spread of typhoid in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI. D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. During the conference of Microbiologists various scientific papers presented, stressed on the emergence of drug-resistance in typhoid producing organisms necessitating the use of newer drugs for treatment, which are expensive.

Studies conducted by ICMR have revealed that the typhoid fever was hitherto caused by Chloraphyemicol sensitives 5. *typhi.* But recently the typhoid cases which are being reported are believed to be caused by multi-drug resistant *S. typhi. '* Results of these studies have shown that *S. typhi,* isolated from cases of typhoid fever was resistant to all commonly used antibiotics. The organism was, however, found to be sensitive to Furazolidone which is an inexpensive antibiotic drug.

(c) and (d). The typhoid is primarily a water borne disease and proper disposal of excreta and provision of safe drinking water are crucial to control the disease. Steps on these are being taken by various concerned Ministries and Organisations.

Ban on Indian Chocolates in Foreign Countries

305. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the chocolates manufacture in the country and even popular here have been banned in several foreign countries;

(b) whether the popular brand of Indian chocolates have been found hazardous to health due to maximum concentration of nickel;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government on such ban in several foreign countries; and

(d) by when the use of chocolates would be banned in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI. D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a)